

Latin America's involvement in African agricultural development. The role of Argentina and Brazil

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Outline

- Type of cooperation offered by Brazil and Argentina in Africa
- Duality of agricultural development
- Ruptures & continuity with traditional cooperation

Agricultural duality in Br. and Arg. (1)

- Strong expansion of agribusiness since end of 90's (soybean)
 - Public investment in public R&D, extension
 - Dynamic private sector : inputs, machinery, genetics, grain processing, etc.



Agricultural duality in Br. and Arg. (2)

- Public support to family farming and food security
 - Food acquisition, commercialization
 - Public and private technical support to family farming, peri-urban agriculture
 - Often linked to agroecological model & practices



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- Rhetoric of South-South Cooperation
 - detachment
- LAC, (Central)Asia, Africa
 - Favourable context for closer ties with Africa
 - *Economic, political, cultural*



Work “on (dual) demand”

- Responding to local dual demand
 - Demand for grain-cash crops technologies (proteins), intensive breeding



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Main characteristics

- Work “on (dual) demand”
 - Demand for grain-cash crops technologies or intensive breeding
 - Demand on policies / technologies for family farming and FS
- ... but dominant vision based on transfer of successful recipes
- Technology-driven cooperation
 - Fuzzy frontier between public and private actors (case of machinery – hardware)
 - Package including material and immaterial solutions (software) (ex: no-tillage)



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CASI COMO LAS NUESTRAS. LA FUENTE, EN UNA SOJA DE SEGUNDA SEMBRADA SOBRE TRIGO, PERO EN UN LOTE QUE ESTÁ UBICADO NADA MENOS QUE EN ZAMBIA.

Discussion

- New geopolitics of agriculture/agricultural research
- New geopolitics of development aid / cooperation
- Wider and more complex than a classical « development aid » relationship
- Is SSC really different?
- Agribusiness : landgrabbing, but after ?

Thank you very much

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